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AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA
VYSHKOV, USSR
BELORUSSIAN MD

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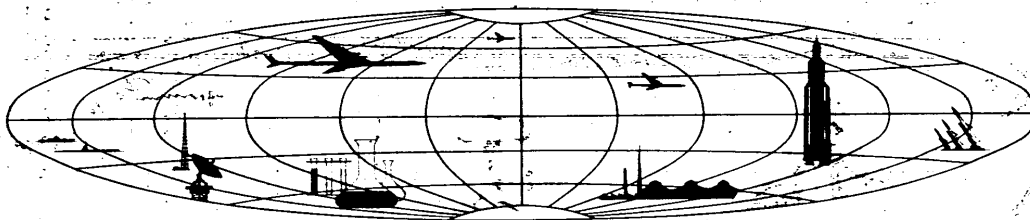
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PREFACE

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Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training area or courses, (S) special training facilities, (I) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA

52-27N 031-32E

VYSHKOV, GOMELSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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BE No: None

AI. No: None

COMOR No: None

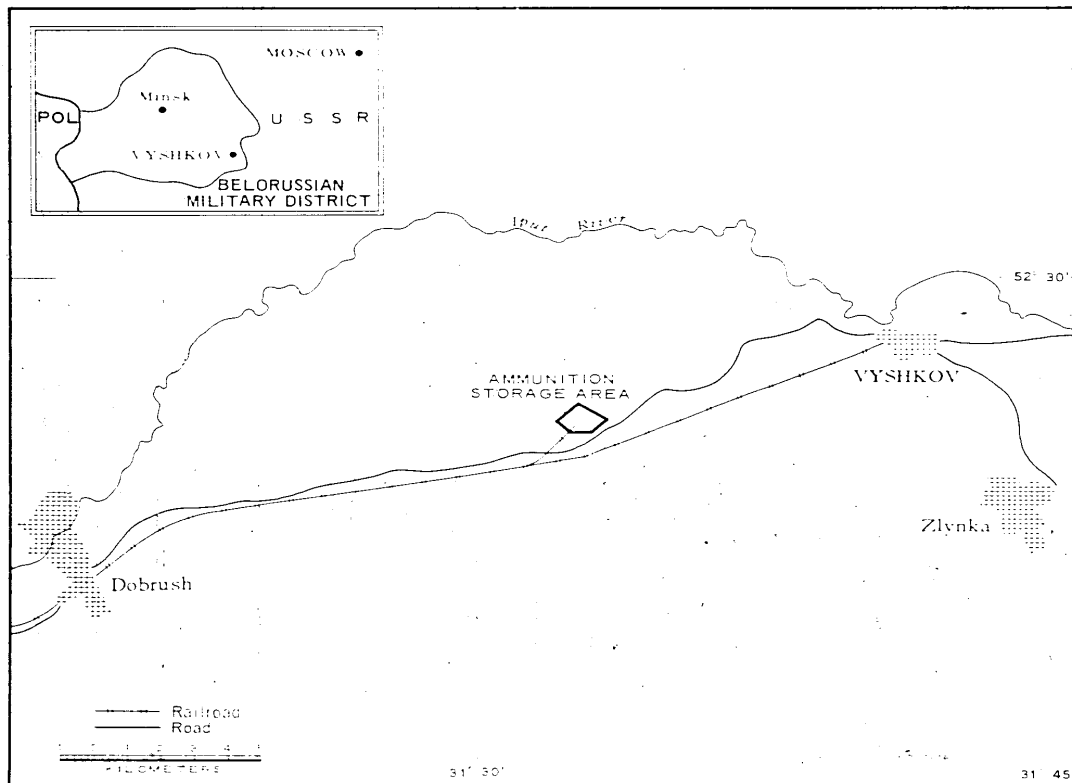


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA, VYSHKOV.

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SUMMARY

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An ammunition storage area is located 10 kilometers (km) west-southwest of Vyshkov (52-29N 031-41E) on the north side of the Vyshkov-Gomel rail line (Figure 1). The installation is served by a spur from the main rail line and has an all-weather primary road connection with Gomel. Military installations are located in Gomel, 40 km west.

This installation (Figures 2 and 3) covers approximately 720 acres, is secured by a double fence, and includes 39 unrevetted ammunition storage buildings. Heavy foliage precludes the identification of additional buildings.

[REDACTED] A support area located outside the main entrance to the installation contains six barracks and two administrative buildings.

The area was covered by 10 KEYHOLE missions between [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Comparative analysis reveals an increase in the level of activity between [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Significant changes since [REDACTED] include the addition of 19 ammunition storage buildings and the nuclear weapons storage bunker.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

A rail spur from the Vyshkov-Gomel double-track rail line extends northeast into the installation.

Road Service

The installation is served by a primary, all-weather road which runs parallel to and north of the rail line and west to Gomel.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D (Figure 3) includes two administrative buildings, six barracks, and four support buildings. Track activity throughout this area indicates occupancy of all the buildings, which are used to provide support for the storage area. Heavy foliage precludes identification of additional buildings.

Ammunition Storage Areas

Area F includes 39 unrevetted 190- by 80-foot ammunition storage buildings.

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Nineteen ammunition storage buildings have been completed since [REDACTED]. Configuration of this installation indicates additional buildings may be present, but they cannot be confirmed because of the heavy foliage.

An adjacent internally secured area contains an earth bunker 160 feet in diameter for nuclear weapons storage; however, drive-through capability cannot be determined. All ammunition storage buildings have direct access to an elaborate network of internal roads.

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FIGURE 2. AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA, VYSHKOV. [REDACTED]

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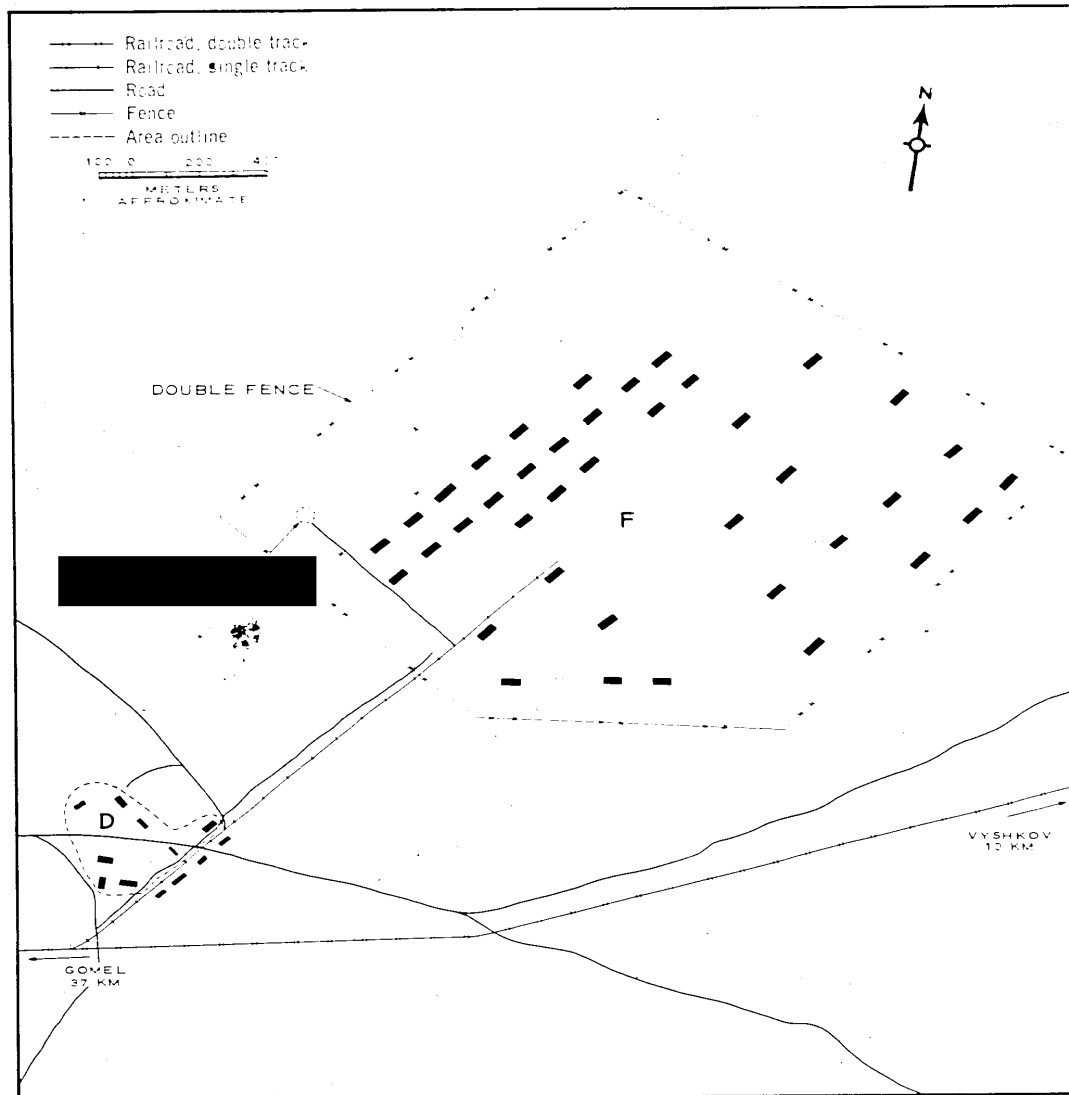


FIGURE 3. AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA, VYSHKOV. Sketch compiled from [REDACTED]

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